

Standard Well No. 3 Comes In

Columbia Steel Corp. and Torrance Plant of Llewellyns Merge

"Columbia Steel Corporation, Llewellyn Mills," Is to Be New Name of Local Concern With Offices in This City

No Changes in Personnel of Office or Mechanical Departments Are Contemplated

Confirmation of the amalgamation of the Torrance Plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works with the Columbia Steel Corporation was officially made here yesterday, with the gratifying news that the main offices of the local plant would be located in Torrance, Benjamin Harwood retained as manager, and that there would be no change in the personnel of the office force or mechanical departments.

TORRANCE CLUB WILL ADVERTISE

Vigorous Campaign Is Started to Raise Funds

The new Torrance Club, consisting of J. W. Macdowell, president; M. R. Osburn, first vice-president; J. A. Enos, second vice-president; Sam Levy, secretary, and J. W. Post, treasurer, met Tuesday afternoon and organized for the express purpose to put over the advertising fund that is being raised for the publicity campaign for this district. This organization will work with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in placing advertising where it will do the most good.

The fact that over half of the money has been raised to date assures the total fund. A committee will soon be in the field and every business man and resident will be asked to subscribe. A fund of this nature is absolutely essential in order to carry on an advertising campaign to attract outside residents and business people to this district.

NATIONAL DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT CO. SPUDS IN

Perry G. Briney, treasurer of the National Drilling and Development Company, reports that this company spudded in Tuesday on their first contract well in the Ventura field and that drilling is progressing rapidly with their nineteen-inch rotary outfit.

The National Drilling and Development Company is an organization of Torrance men incorporated primarily for the purpose of drilling on contract, but the policy of the company is also to acquire leases in the vicinity of the wells which they drill on contract, so that the contract drilling done by the company will serve to prove up the leases of the company.

The National now holds a lease on 142 acres of land on the same structure on which the first contract well is being drilled.

PAIGE HOLDS DEMONSTRATION

The Paige Grocery will hold a demonstration in its store Friday and Saturday of this week and the King's Dehydrated Food Products and other useful products for the housewife, will be thoroughly demonstrated to the Torrance public by a special demonstrator, who understands why these articles are so useful in the homes in order that good "eats" can be served.

INSTALLS NEW FIXTURES

Preparing to handle the rush of spring and summer trade, new fixtures and window display space has recently been added at the Torrance Pharmacy. New show cases, fixtures and window displays stocked with the latest in drug sundries are only a few of the many improvements that will be installed the coming season. Malone Bros. are strong for courtesy and service and have every faith in the future growth of Torrance.

HERALDS IN DEMAND

So great has been the demand for the Torrance Herald on Saturday nights and Sunday, news agencies for the local paper has been arranged with Sykes News Stand, P. E. Depon, Dolley Drug Company and the Torrance Pharmacy. Extra copies may be secured at either of these places.

LEASING ON PLAZA DEL AMO IS REPORTED

Property Owners Sign Community Lease; Receive Offers

Plaza del Amo street south of the tree row is now experiencing quite an oil boom. The first block east of Arlington avenue has been leased at a handsome figure, with owners of the remaining two blocks between Border street and Andro avenue receiving flattering offers from Santa Fe Springs and Signal Hill oil companies. Letters have been received from these companies this week asking the owners to set forth their terms for lease, covering bonus, rent and royalty.

The property owners called a meeting Tuesday evening, April 10, to decide just what action should be taken regarding these communications, and by unanimous vote selected R. E. Hunn of 1856 Plaza del Amo and H. E. Paige of Paige's Cash Grocery to act as their representatives in dealing with oil companies.

Property owners in this section feel that they own the choice land for drilling purposes as the land has a frontage of 700 feet with a 105-foot street, constituting an oil drawing space of 260 feet from the alley to the front which cannot be offset by other wells. On account of this fine location the property owners have entered into a community lease, same being covered by the customary legal procedure.

WELL EAST OF UNION TOOL CO. FINE SHOWING

Eyes of Southern California Watching Its Progress

The eyes of the oil men of the Southern California fields are now on the Peterson-Barker Syndicate's wildcat well at Western avenue and 213th street, the logs of which are reported to be comparing favorably with some of the big producers in this section of the country. Yesterday the well reached a depth of 2400 feet, having passed through a gas showing at 2000 feet.

This is the first well to be drilled on the 106-acre lease closed last November by R. W. Edens. At the present time it is a mile and a half from production and if it comes in will prove the Torrance field to be one of the most extensive fields in Southern California.

If production is struck in this well it will be the signal for the entrance of scores of independent operators and will start drilling on a much greater scale than is now in progress in the proven area to the west.

The best of machinery is being used in the Peterson-Barker well to insure its speedy completion, and only the best of casing is being put down. A trained crew is operating the drill, which accounts for the speed that has been made so far in putting the well down.

Production Estimated at 1,000 Barrels High Pressure

Well Brought In At 8:00 O'Clock Thursday Morning. Gravity Showing Better Than No. 2

Under a heavy gas pressure Torrance Community No. 3 on the 30-acre Standard Oil lease was brought in at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. It took the well approximately 12 hours to clean out and the production and gravity could not be determined during that period. However, the production was estimated at about 1000 barrels and the gravity is expected to be a trifle higher than that of Torrance Community No. 2 which is now about 26.

Scores of automobiles stopped at the well from the time the first head of oil shot into the sump hole until late last night.

It was the opinion of all the Standard Oil crew that the No. 3 well would prove a far better producer than Torrance Community No. 2 which is now flowing steadily at the rate of 525 barrels a day.

Farther to the east the two Hub wells were rivaling in interest the new producer as a result of a report that they were showing up better than any of the wells in the field. Smith No. 1, which at the close of drilling yesterday was down approximately 3400 feet, was reported to be in a heavily saturated oil sand with every indication for a big producer. Frier No. 1 stood ready to cement at 3070 with the early oil showing said to be excellent. Smith No. 1 is expected to be put on production the first of next week.

South of Carson street and offsetting Smith No. 1, Torrance No. 5 was reported to be down 3200 feet and it was believed that it would be put on production within a few days after Smith No. 1 was brought in. One location to the west the drillers reported that the attempt to shut off the water in Torrance No. 4 had been unsuccessful and that it would be drilled deeper and re-cemented.

The Gilmore Petroleum Company's offset to the two Hub wells made good progress through the past week and had reached a depth of 2400 feet yesterday. The logs in this well are said to be comparing favorably with that of the other wells in this area, giving promise of a good producer.

Just east of Torrance No. 5 on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway lease the drillers in Torrance No. 7 were preparing to spud in yesterday, while the work on building the rig for Torrance No. 8, offsetting the Midway Northern Oil Company's No. 1 well on the old Long Beach-Redondo Road, was being rushed. One of the smallest leases ever closed in the Torrance field was completed last week by P. H. Greer and W. B. Allen, Santa Fe Springs operators, on four-tenths of an acre at Carson and Madrid. The lease was made by Bergman & Rohring. This will bring the drill to the edge of the restricted district. The bonus for the lease is said to exceed \$1000.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING

Through the efforts of Secretary Gadeky of the Chamber of Commerce, Torrance was host to the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Fourth District Thursday evening at Legion Hall. The Pacific Electric Band furnished stirring music and many prominent speakers of Southern California were introduced and the topics confronting this organization were ably handled. A full account of the meeting will be found in the next issue of the Herald.

Maybe some of these days someone will surprise the world by finding the lost art of making good corn bread.

BLDG PERMITS FOR THIS WEEK TOTAL \$25,950

Total for Month to Date \$53,650; to Date For Year \$374,755

The total of building permits since January 1, 1923, in Torrance reaches the sum of \$374,755. These figures will show the future investor that this city is holding its own among cities of its size in Southern California in new building and is surpassing many that are old.

The months' total permits to date show the sum of \$53,650 and this week's permits alone total \$25,950. Those granted permits this week were: Sam Perman, 2075 Carson, bungalow; J. Isenstein, Pueblo, dwelling; J. B. Hines, 1443 Post avenue, garage; M. Jessome, 1727 Gramercy, addition; Consolidated Lumber Company, 1800 13th street, addition; Pacific Electric Railway Company, Dominguez street, store building; and C. A. Mason, 1103 Sartori, dwelling.

Officers Follow Clue, Get Others

City Marshal Anderson, with the assistance of Redondo police, made sensational arrests last Monday night on the Esplanade, Redondo, when a bunch of boys were apprehended in a Ford car standing by the roadside. Their attention was directed to the car parked along the roadside while they were chasing another offender of the law. It is said there are about eighteen members in the gang and before the officers had concluded investigations of the case found several hundred dollars worth of loot consisting of tires and auto accessories. Marshal Anderson is still working on the case.

NEW BUSINESS OPENS

The Charles Lapping Decorating Company has entered the business ranks of Torrance and announces its opening Saturday morning in the room leased by it on Sartori avenue, directly across the street from the new Masonic building. Mr. Lapping, who is well versed in his line, comes well recommended as a thorough business man and mechanic from Santa Monica, where he was in the painting contracting business for years.

Drilling Wells IN TORRANCE FIELD

CHANSLOR-CANFIELD MIDWAY

- Del Amo No. 4—1000 ft.
- Del Amo No. 5—2500 ft.
- Del Amo No. 6—1100 ft.
- Del Amo No. 7—Building rig.
- Torrance No. 1—Testing for shut off.
- Torrance No. 4—3060 ft., to re-cement.
- Torrance No. 5—3200 ft.
- Torrance No. 6—3070 ft., standing cemented.
- Torrance No. 7—1600 ft.
- Torrance No. 8—Location.
- Dominguez No. 1—3960 ft., standing cemented.
- Dominguez No. 2—Building rig.

STANDARD OIL

- Kirke No. 3—3005 ft.
- Felkner No. 1—Production.
- Torrance No. 3—1000 barrels, estimated.

HUB OIL

- Smith No. 1—3400 ft.
- Frier No. 1—3070, ready to cement.

GILMORE PETROLEUM

- Gilmore No. 1—2400 ft., hard sand.

GEORGE F. GETTY

- Getty No. 1—Rigging up.
- Frederickson No. 1—3000 ft.
- Frederickson No. 2—Rigging up.

FULLERTON OIL CO.

- Lens No. 1—Plugged back to 3000 ft.

GENERAL PETROLEUM

- Carson No. 2—3000 ft.
- Petitfills No. 2—Rigging up.

SHELL OIL

- Redondo No. 1—3500 ft., cleaning out.
- Torrance No. 1—3550, oil showing.
- Fringer No. 1—3000 ft., standing cemented.

PETROLEUM MIDWAY

- Craven No. 1—2800 ft.
- Waldron No. 1—1000 ft.
- Casab No. 1—2600 ft.
- Gish No. 1—800 ft.

UNION OIL

- Francis No. 2—3700 ft., brown shale.
- Weston No. 1—4045 ft.